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United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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## 1. Name

historic Wye Milland/or common Old Wye Mill; Wye Grist Mill

## 2. Location

street & number Maryland Route 662 n/a not for publicationcity, town Wye Mills n/a vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland code 24 county Queen Anne's code 035

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquitiesstreet & number 2335 Marriottsville Roadcity, town Marriottsville n/a vicinity of state Maryland 21104

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

street &amp; number

city, town Centreville state Maryland 21617

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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has this property been determined eligible? ☒ yes ☐ nodate 1977 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ localdepository for survey records 21 State Circlecity, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>n/a</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources		Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: <u>0</u>
Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects	Original and historic functions and uses: industrial
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total	

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Wye Mill, one of the earliest industrial sites on the Eastern Shore in continuous use, dates from the mid-eighteenth century. It is a small frame waterpowered, grist mill located on the west side of Delmarva Road (Rt. 662) in Wye Mills, Maryland. It is powered by an early 20th century 20 foot diameter iron overshot wheel, manufactured by the Fitz Water Wheel Company of Hanover, Pennsylvania. The wheel is located on the south side of the building and the mill is built on a bank so that the foundation on its west side is a full story. It is four bays long and two bays deep. Entrances are located on the east, north and west elevations and the windows all have 6/6 sash. The gable roof, siding, and foundation walls were renewed in 1953. The walls are covered with redwood siding replacing the 18th century cypress beveled siding, and the wooden steps and stoop are reconstructions. A mill race runs from an earlier dam, installed in 1950s by the Game and Inland Fish Commission, through a conduit wheel. The mill retains nearly all of its late nineteenth and early twentieth century equipment including French burr stone, American midget roller mill, sifters, bolters, grain hoppers and flour cleaning machines. Wye Mill is virtually unchanged in its attempt to keep up with milling technology for the last 200 years with those parts of the machinery or building which were worn out repaired or replaced as efficient operation demanded.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Wye Grist Mill is one of three mills that named the town of Wye Mills. It is one of the earliest Maryland industrial sites in continuous use. The present building dates from the mid eighteenth century but a grist mill has existed on the site since the 1670s.

Wye Mill is a small frame building - four bays long and two bays wide. Its gable roof, siding, and the foundation were renewed in 1953. The windows are 6/6 sash and have a single batten shutter. An early dutch batten door is perhaps the most striking 18th century feature on the exterior. Entrances on the west, north and east elevations provide access to milling operations. On the south gable is a 20th century Fitz steel 1XL overshot water wheel and header tank. The water wheel is 10 feet in diameter, 8 feet wide and has three rows of arms. Originally manufactured by the Fitz Water Wheel Company of Hanover, Pennsylvania, it has, unfortunately, been badly reconstructed and damaged by inexperienced hands. The tailrace, now seriously "backwatered," meanders through a cleared area, then through dense woods to the west branch or head of the Wye River. The mill is built on a bank so that the foundation on the west side is a full story. The mill race (or sluiceway) with Armco sluice gate controls runs from the earthen dam holding 51 acres of water. It drops 12 and 1/2 feet downhill through a concrete conduit or flume under the road (Rt. 662) and thence to the water wheel.

The basement ceiling framing, as well as the first floor framing, divides the rectangular building into four equal bays. Running east and west are major girders with minor joists extending between them. Framing and supports in the south bay are heavier than the others as the heavy 48" French burr stones (2 tons) are located in this area, as well as an American Midget Marvel roller mill machinery. Several empty mortises in the framing may indicate that parts are "recycled" and used from elsewhere in the mill or from agricultural buildings in the area.

The wheelshaft is fitted with a cast iron driving spur about 8 feet in diameter. The wallower, a small pinion spur gear, is 21 inches. Secondary chain drive to a second countershaft drives the roller plant and other auxiliaries. There are two basic drives from the water wheel, one being to the millstones and the other to elevators and the American Midge roller plant.

On the first floor a girder supported upon four chamfered posts runs north and south. Obviously a later addition, it was probably added to support more weight in grain and machinery.

Many repairs are evident in the structure:  
Along with the Oak Hurst Frame (which needs to be separated from the structural framing of the building) there is evidence of two sets of millstones having been mounted. At present one pair of stones have been replaced with a Cranson flour cleaning machine.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Wye Mill has received the usual alteration to its machinery necessary to keep "up to date" with modern milling practice. Many repairs are evident in the structure but much of the 19th and 20th century machinery follows change in technology and forms a museum of milling technology history. Still remaining are the French burr stones, American Midget Marvel roller mill, Cranson flour cleaning machine, bolting machines, grain chutes, hoppers, scales, gyrator, flour chests, elevators separator, feed mixer, dust collector, fanning mills, corn shellers, and so forth.

In the northeast corner is a small office with brick chimney which served an interior cast iron stove. Adjacent to the office door is a ladder to the loft. The roof structure is original, being composed of minor rafters half lapped and pinned at the apex - having dove tail collar beams. The rafters rest on the tilted false plate. Many up and down braces have been completely removed.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates mid-18th century Builder/Architect unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: A  
Applicable Exceptions: none  
Level of Significance for Evaluation: local

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

Wye Mill is significant for its association with the development of the grist milling industry on Maryland's agricultural Eastern Shore from the mid-18th century through the early years of the twentieth. A grist mill has existed on this site since the 1680's; the present building, constructed in the mid-18th century, retains structural features characteristic of that period including tilted-false-plate roof construction and a Dutch batten door, and houses a virtual museum of 19th- and early-20th-century grist milling machinery reflecting the evolution of the industry, and of the structure, during more than 200 years of nearly continuous use. Wye Mill is the oldest grist mill on the Eastern Shore, and probably the oldest in the state of Maryland.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Wye Mill is located in the small town of Wye Mills and is one of the few United States mills in continual use since the middle of the 18th century. It is a "showcase of the history of milling" having moved along with the advance of milling technology. It displays a virtual museum of mill machinery. Like many flour-grist mills which once stood throughout the colonies, it was once an important and economic trading center for the region. A mill was an important component within any colonial settlement. The farmer could raise his grain independently, but he could not use it until it was ground. He took it to a mill. Other men did the same. The mill became a meeting place. It served that social function before either the general store or the newspapers. Communities centered around the mills.

From the viewpoint of industry Wye Mill is significant as the oldest mill in continual use on the Eastern Shore and one of the oldest functioning mills still standing in Maryland. There are several functioning mills such as Kaese and Stanton's Mills in Garrett County, Rockland Mills in Baltimore County, and Union Mills (museum) in Carroll County but Wye Mill is one of the oldest mills in the state. The mill has been a landmark since 1706 when the general assembly created Queen Anne's County and the mill became a major point on the boundary line between Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties. In 1748 it was referred to as "Old Wye Mill" and in April of 1779 Colonel William Hemsley "of Old Wye Mill" received an order for ten thousand pounds sterling with which he was to send wheat ground at the Wye Mill to the continental troops at Valley Forge.

The following are known to have owned a mill on the site:

Edward Barrowclif	1680s
Richard Bennett	1690s-1722
Richard Sweatman	
Edward Lloyd	1722-1778
William Hemsley	1778-1821
Samuel Hopkins family	1821-1877
F. T. Brown	1877
John Brown	1887-1899
John S. Sewell	1899-1918
Winthrop Blakeslee	1918-1953
Mary Scott Blakeslee	

In 1953 the State of Maryland bought the property from Mr. Blakeslee and deeded one acre and the mill to the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities. The mill was restored from 1956 to 1960. Students from Chesapeake College, on a work-study plan, operated the mill through the 1970s.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Emory, Frederic. History of Queen Anne's County (1886)

Talbot County Land Records, #5 fol. 81; #26 fol. 616; #401 fol. 404; #413 fol. 329

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.76 acres

Quadrangle name Wye Mills, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat, and represent the current property boundaries; the nominated property, 0.76 acre, encompasses the resource within its historic setting.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	Queen Anne's	code	035
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state	code	county	Talbot	code	041
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ms. E. Barton Hall McGuire, miller

organization Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities

date 31 July 1984

street & number Box 277

telephone (301) 827-6909

city or town Wye Mills

state Maryland 21679

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date FEBRUARY 22, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Fourth quarter of 18th century

Wye Mill

Wye Mills

Public visitation

Located on the border of Talbot and Queen Anne's counties, the Wye Mill survives as the oldest frame grist mill building on the Eastern Shore, if not in the entire State of Maryland. Estimated to date to the fourth quarter of the eighteenth century, the building is a braced timber frame structure assembled with tilted false plates and wrought nails. Fashioned from oak lumber, the structural frame was sheathed originally with flush shiplap siding. An early "Dutch" door remains in place in the front entrance, hung on long strap hinges. Although most of the mill furniture dates to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, a millstone swing appears to predate the other equipment. Fashioned from oak like the mill frame, the stout vertical support post has wide corner chamfers, and it is fixed in place by an oak keeper nailed to the tie beams above. The other early feature is the ladder-type stair that provides access to the loft.

Apparently, the mill equipment was updated in 1840 in order to take advantage of the new technologies in processing corn and wheat. The considerable weight of the new equipment necessitated some restructuring of the supportive framing. A large timber beam inscribed with the date "1840" dates the period of renovation. New equipment was added during the late nineteenth century as well. Few alterations have been made to the interior since 1910. The mixture of eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth century mill furniture offers a rare opportunity to examine the history of an eighteenth century mill and how it was updated and modified over the course of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in accord with changing technology of milling.



An exact date for the construction of the extant mill building has eluded researchers, especially since a mill can be established at this site as early as the 1680s. A series of prominent Talbot and Queen Anne's county landowners including Richard Bennett, Edward Lloyd, and William Hemsley maintained ownership of the Wye Mill at different times throughouth the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. During the American Revolution, Colonel William Hemsley owned the mill and received requests for flour and other supplies for the Continental army. Regretably, the historic record is very vague as to when replacement mills were erected, and the limited architectural evidence can only suggest a general date.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WYE MILL

MHT Inventory Number: T-51

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE  
INDUSTRY
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION  
168-1815
- 4) Resource Type(s): Grist Mill

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-51  
Magi No.  
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic WYE MILL

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number West side of MD Route 662 ☐ not for publication

city, town Wye Mills ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Preservation Maryland (Aka Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities)

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 332

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 294

city, town Easton state MD 21601

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Survey

date 1977 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wye Mill stands on the west side of MD Route 662 in the small community of Wye Mills, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story frame structure faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date to the fourth quarter of the eighteenth century, the old frame structure rests on a rebuilt foundation of concrete block covered with a brick veneer. The braced timber frame mill is sheathed with shiplap siding applied during an extensive restoration of the mill. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with wood shingles.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay facade with a door opening located in the second bay from the south. A double "Dutch" door hung on long strap hinges survives in place with a diagonal beaded board exterior sheathing. To each side are six-over-six sash windows covered with single board-and-batten shutters. The cornice is boxed.

The south gable end is marked by a single six-over-six sash window on each floor, and the gable end is flush, finished with a plain bargeboard. The mill race runs past the mill on the south side where a new water wheel was installed during the restoration.

The north gable end, on the other hand, is defined by two six-over-six sash windows on each floor, and the gable end is flush.

The west (rear) wall of the mill is marked by two openings, a door and a single six-over-six sash window on the main floor. Since the site is sloped from front to back, the brick-veneer wall is fully exposed and an off-center door pierces the foundation wall.

Inside the mill the structural frame is exposed. On the main floor four large chamfered posts support a timber summer beam that extends the full length of the mill. The braced timber frame of the mill has been reworked and repaired over the years, but many of the original framing elements that remain are fastened with wrought nails. Providing access between the first and second floors is a ladder-type stair assembled also with wrought nails. The roof framing of the mill follows a common rafter system supported on tilted false plates. Each rafter pair is joined at the peak with a pinned mortise-and-tenon joint. Half-dovetailed collar beams marked with Roman numerals stabilize the rafter pairs.

The structural framing found in the cellar has been modified to support more mill machinery on the main floor. An inserted timber beam support has a carved date of "1840," suggesting when substantial changes were made to the mill.

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WYE MILL, Description continued

Wye Mills, Talbot County, Maryland

Surviving on the three levels of the mill is a mixture of mill furniture found in the building when it was acquired by the State of Maryland. The oldest piece of fixed equipment appears to be the heavy timber millstone swing. Crafted in oak like much of the mill framing, the stout vertical post has bold corner chamfers. The oak pivot keeper is fastened to the mill floor joists with large hand wrought iron spikes. The horizontal timber bar is mortised into the side of the vertical post and is fitted with a heavy iron carriage apparatus to move the millstone.

The rest of the mill furniture dates from the mid-to-late nineteenth century and the early twentieth century. The labels on the various pieces of equipment read as follows:

1. The iron grindstone cover is labeled "The Wolf Co., Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.
2. The Granson Flouring, Polishing, and Separating Machine with Magnetic Attachment, manufactured by Huntley Cranson & Hammond, Silver Creek, New York.
3. Roller Mill--Anglo American Mill Co., Owensboro, Kentucky.
4. No. 3 Receiving Separator, "American Marvel," The Anglo American Mill Co., Owensboro, Kentucky.

Also added during the late nineteenth century or the early twentieth century is the corner office, partitioned from the rest of the first floor by a vertical board partition.

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### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant

date 4/7/92

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telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover

state MD 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020  
810-7100

## WYE MILL

The early history of this title seems very confusing. I have included several deeds which are not in the direct chain but show that the mill, or at least the mill pond, existed. These are marked with an asterisk "\*"

I have included copies from Bernice Leonard's "Abstracts". They are easily recognizable but have marked them with two "\*\*".

1665, 25 August Land Office (Patents) Vol. 8, p. 170  
Patent for "WILTON", 650 acres to Thomas Williams 650 acres.

\*1665 "WILTON ADDITION" or simply "ADDITION" patented by Thomas Williams as 700 acres. Is 320 x 400 perches. This comes out as 800 acres!!  
The 700 acres plus the 650 acres of "Wilton" makes a total of 1350 acres which is referred-to in several deeds.

1681, 4/42 21 June

From Henry Pratt

To : Edward Barraclift 20001b tobacco

Notes: Part of "Wilton". Begins at a marked white oak. Runs 34 P to a "travis" drawn SW 8 P; then SE "again" 126 P to an old oak; then SW 50 P; then NW 140 P to a marked red oak by a branch; then NE 50 P to the first tree. 50 acres.  
Henry Pratt married a daughter of Thomas Williams.

\*Ref.: 1682, 4/147 15 August

From: Edward Barraclift, Millwright and Ann

To : Daniel Ingerson and Henry Snoden, Planters

Notes: 11 acres, part of "Wilton" in consideration of work done by Ingerson and Snoden on the dam of the mill of Edward Barraclift.

\*Ref.: 1685, 5/42 14 January

From: Henry Pratt and Seth his wife

To : John Morgan

Notes: 100 acres of "Wilton" on Williams Branch of Wye River. Mentions Edward Barraclift's mill pond.

\*NO. YEAR: 1690 VOL/PAGE: 5/274  
WILTON/WYE MILL

FROM: Henry Pratt & Seth

TO : Richard Sweatnam

30 acres. Part of "Wilton" laid out for Thomas Williams on Mill Branch, Wye River; adjoining Edward Barraclift and the land sold to John Morgan



\*Ref.: 1704, 9/311

From: Thomas Williams & Elizabeth, Northumberland County, Va.

To : Maurice Jones, Northumberland County, Va. p200

Notes: "Wilton" and "Addition" formerly taken up for Thomas Williams, father of the grantor. 1350 acres by patent. No reference to mill. Deed makes no reference to previous sales by Henry Pratt to Edward Barracraft. Note that this is the entire 1350 acres of "Wilton" and the "Addition"

Ref.: 1705, 9/313 26 March

From: Maurice Jones, Northumberland County, Va.

To : Richard Bennett, Gent., Talbot County. p350sp

Notes: "Wilton" and "Addition" in Talbot County on Williams or the Mill Branch of Wye River. 1350 acres.

Ref.: 1706, 10/55 13 May

From: Richard Bennett, Gent.

To : William Sweatnam, Gent. (Kent County) 8000 lbs. tob. plus rent

Notes: Leases grist water-mill called "Wye Mill" and 20 acres of land for 8000 lbs. tobacco and 500 lbs. tobacco yearly rent for 65 years. Describes mill and mill-house. Is on tract called "Wilton".

Ref.: 1710, 12/36 1 Jan

From: Edward Barrowclift (Calvert County)

To : Richard Bennett

Notes: Is son and heir of Edward Barrowclift, deceased. Gives up all claims to all land in Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties which were possessed by his father, Edward Barrowclift.

From here until 1821 the title is evidently in the Bennett-Lloyd ownership and transfers from Sweatnam to Hemsley must be in Queen Anne's County. From the following deed I am not certain whether Lloyd reserves the mill because he doesn't want to transfer it or because he does not own it!!

During the Revolution it was William Hemsley to whom the people in Annapolis wrote, trying to get flour.

\*\*1770/2 1 Dec/2 May 1771 20/152

152. 1 Dec. 1770/2 May 1771 Edward Lloyd of Talbot, Esquire, son and heir of Edward Lloyd late of Talbot, Esquire, deceased, to Richard Bennett Lloyd, Gent., the younger son of Edward Lloyd, deceased - in consideration of his love for his brother and the further sum of five shillings - "Wisbitch," 100 acres; "Abbingdon," 400 acres; "Lobscrook," 679 acres; "Poplar Hill," 200 acres; "Whetstone," 100 acres; "Planter's Increase" with "Turner's Ridge," 504 acres; "Tobacco Pipe," 745 acres; "Batchelor's Delight," 100 acres; "Poplar Neck," 100 acres; "Hacker's Oldfield," 200 acres; and part of "Waterton," 290 acres; all lying in Talbot County and the following .

## WYE MILL

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152. lying in Queen Anns County: "Wilton," 650 acres, "Addition to Wilton," 700 acres; "Hemsley's Reserve," 231 acres; part of "Trustram Wells," 68 acres; "Chestnut Neck Corrected," 362 acres and "Revival," 1100 acres. Also in Kent County: "Chevy Chace," 200 acres; "Cornwall's Choice," 12 acres; and part of "Worton Mannor," 140 acres sold by Mary Watkins to Edward Lloyd, the father, 24 February 1763 - except always the grist mill, fulling mill and mill house, the mill pond and mill dam and the land covered with the water of the mill-pond, the miller's dwelling house and the bake house standing on and part of the tract "Wilton" and the "Addition to Wilton." Wit: Benjamin Kennedy, James Hindman, J. Beale Bordley.

Ref.: 1821, 43/267

From: Alexander Hemsley, gentleman

To : Samuel Hopkins, storekeeper \$4000

Notes: Conveys a 1/2 moiety in the mill and mill seat commopnly called Wye Mills partly in Queen Anne's County. Both grist and saw mills. The mill seat includes 108 acres of "Wilton", "Lob's Crook", and "The Addition". Seems to begin at same place as 1837, 53/171.

Ref.: 1821, 43/321 16 Nov

From: Alexander Hemsley, gentleman

To : Ezekiel Forman of Queen Anne's County, farmer

\$3000

Notes: Deed on file and platted. A 1/2 moiety.

Conveyed to Alexander Hemsley by will of his father, William Hemsley. William Hemsley purchased it from Edward Lloyd and recorded in the Land Records of the late General Court for the Eastern Shore. Date was 27 May 1778. Also by agreement with William Hindman with a deed which has been recorded in the Land Records of Queen Anne's County.

Ref.: 1837, 53/171

From: Samuel Hopkins

To : Thomas Hopkins (mortgage, \$4000)

Notes: Whereas Samuel has sold to Thomas for \$2000 "Wilton" partly in Queen Anne's County 50 acres. The secvurity begins at stone number 1 in a stump of an oaktree on the north side of the millpond, which was the beginning of the original deed from Edward Lloyd to William Hemsley for the mill-seat dated 27 May 1778. Etc.

Ref.: 1841, 56/90

From: Thomas Hopkins, Jr. & Hester Ann, John R. Hopkins & Emily B.

To : Thomas Hopkins \$7000

Notes: 1/2 part of the grist and saw mills commonly called Wye Mills. Includes 1/2 blacksmith shop and land. Part of "Wilton", "Lob's Crook", and "The Addition".

Conveyed to Samuel Hopkins (father of Thomas and John R.) 16 Nov 1821

Also conveyed is the interest in "Wilton" and "Lob's Crook" north of the road of 106 acres as per Alexander Hemsley to Samuel Hopkins, 26 December 1822. (Also includes "Cloverfields" in Queen Anne's County.

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Ref.: 1845, 58/532  
From: Thomas Hopkins and Martha  
To : John R. and Sally A. Hopkins \$9000  
Notes: Deed on file.

Conveys mill - saw and grist - and the parts of "Wilton", "Lob's Crook", and "The Addition" being in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties.  
No metes and bounds but refers to:  
1841, 56/902 Thomas Hopkins, Jr. to Thomas Hopkins  
1845, 58/435 Sally Ann Hopkins to Thomas Hopkins  
1845, 58 /to be recorded Henrietta M. Forman to Thomas Hopkins  
This conveys entire property - no moiety.  
Henrietta Forman to Thomas Hopkins was not found.

Ref.: 1956, 332/294 11 May  
From: State of Maryland  
To : Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities  
Notes: Conveyed to State of Maryland by Winthrop H. Blakeslee 1953, 308/59  
Queen Anne's County Land Records.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wye Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Wye Mill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Rt. 662, on border of Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC

—PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES, RESTRICTED

—YES, UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

☒ MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Md., Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rowe Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Talbot County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

N. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

Liber #: 401, 413, 414

Folio #: 404, 329, 693

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wye Mill is a small frame building located in the village of the same name. It is four bays long and two bays deep and is covered with a symmetrical 'A' roof. The foundation was renewed in 1953 as was the siding and roof. Each of the windows has 6/6 sash and a single batten shutter. An early batten Dutch door exists in the second bay from the south on the east facade. Wooden steps and stoop are also reconstructions. On the south gable is a modern water wheel and sluse in place of the original. The structure is built on a bank so that the foundation on the west side is a full story. Behind the building is a cleared area with picnic tables.

The basement ceiling framing as well as the first floor framing divides the rectangular building into four equal bays. Running east-west are major girders with minor joists extending between them. Framing and supports in the south bay are heavier than the other as the heavy mill stones are located in this area, as well as other machinery. Several empty mortises in the framing may indicate that parts are re-used from elsewhere.

On the first floor a girder supported upon four champhered posts runs from north to south. It may be a later addition when more weight in either grain or machinery was added. Like the basement, there are several repairs evident in the structure. On display is a long section of beveled siding taken from the building when restored in 1953.

The interior possesses much of the machinery found in the building when acquired by the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities. Most of the works appears to be 19th and 20th century in date. In the northeast corner is a small office with brick chimney rising thru the roof. Adjacent the door to the office is a ladder to the loft. The roof structure is original, being composed of minor rafters half lapped and pined at the apex and having half dovetail collar beams. The rafters rest on a diagonal false plate, like Bounds Lott, Wicomico County.

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wye Mill is of great importance on two counts; architecture and industry. Architecturally it appears to be the earliest milling structure existing on the Eastern Shore. It is a simple structure as were most mill buildings of the period. Although the exact date of the structure is not known without doubt, it at least dates from the 18th century.

From the viewpoint of industry, it is representative of a major industry in rural Eastern Shore during the first two centuries of its growth. Wye Mill has also been in operation longer than any other on the Eastern Shore, even though it has had periods of non-operation. Presently it is operated as a mill by the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities and the Students of Chesapeake College.

"The mill has been a landmark for so long that when the Maryland General Assembly met on April 9, 1706 to create Queen Anne's County, the mill, then known as Sweatman's Mill, was made a point on the dividing line between Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties.

In April 1779, Colonel William Hemsley received an order on the Eastern Shore treasury for \$10,000 with which he was instructed to purchase supplies for the Continental Army, and have wheat ground at the Wye Mill. He also received a letter from Robert Morris (financier of the American Revolution and son of Robert Morris of Oxford) requesting him to supply more flour for use by Continental troops.

The following are known to have owned a mill on this site:

Edward Barrowcliff	1680's
Richard Bennett	1690 - 1722
Edward Lloyd, III and IV	1722 - 1778
William Hemsley	1778 - 1821
Samuel Hopkins	1821 - 1877
F.T. Brown	1877 - 1899
John S. Sewell	1899 - 1918
Winthrop Blakeslee	1918 - 1953

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan. 13, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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From Roll 16 - Public Land Papers THE LLOYD PAPERS

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Fo 201 August 10, 1664. WILTON

Laid out for Thomas Williams a parcel of land lying at the head of the dividing branch near the head of the Middle Branch of Wye River beginning at a markt oak upon a point near the head of the branch on the east side of Cabbins Cove being the uppermost bound tree of Skinner's land called Triangle and running for breadth from the said oak southeast into the woods 325 perches to a markt oak bounded on the east by a line northeast from the said oak for length 320 perches on the north by a line drawn northwest from the end of the northeast line 325 perches on the west by a line drawn southwest from the end of the northwest (!!) line 320 perches unto the first markt oak on the south by the first southeast line containing 650 acres.



WILTON

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(1665)

North West from the end of the North East line three hundred twenty five perches on the West by a line drawn South West from the end of the North West line three hundred and twenty perches unto the first marked oak on the South by the first South East line (containing ground now laid out for six hundred and fifty acres more or less to be held of the Mannours of Baltimore) ———— first thence

Thomas Williams  
Sib 650 Acres  
Wilton,

Will be so all persons to whom these presents shall come greeting in our Lord God ever lasting memorye that wee for and in full consideration that Thomas Williams of this province hath due unto him six hundred and fifty acres of land within this province for transporting himself viz a witt Thomas with John William and Alexander Williams sons, Ford Thomas Bradely Ann Crigly John Morgan Thomas Trowse and John Scott into this province here to inhabit as appears upon Record and upon such conditions and termes as are expressed in our conditions of plantation of our province of Maryland under our great seal at armes bearing date at London the second day of July in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty nine with such alteration as in them is made by our Declaration bearing date the two and twentieth day of September Anno one thousand six hundred fifty eight and remaining upon Record in our said Province of Maryland doe hereby grant unto him the said Thomas Williams a parcell of Land called Wilton lying in Talbot County at the head of a branch called the Dwidling branch neere the head of the middle branch of a River called Wye River beginning at a marked oak upon a point over the head of the branch on the East side of a Cove called Tabbins Cove being the uppermost bound tree of the land laid out for Andrew Shumner called Triangle and running for breadth from the said oak South East into the woods three hundred and twenty five perches to a marked oak bounded on the East by a line drawn North East from the said oak for length three hundred and twenty perches on the North by a line drawn North West from the end of the North East line three hundred and twenty five perches on the West by a line drawn South West from the end of the North West line three hundred and twenty perches unto the first marked oak on the South by the first South East line for turning and now laid out for six hundred and fifty acres more or less together with all rights profits and bennefits there unto belonging (Randy mines)

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and twenty one personally appears Ann Carey of Talbot County the party granted mentioned in the within Deed or Instrument of Writing before us the Subscribers two of the State of Maryland Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid duly Commissioned & qualified and acknowledges the within Deed or Instrument of Writing to be her Act and Deed and the lands and Premises therein mentioned and thereby bargained and sold to be the right and Estate of John A. Carey party granted also therein named his heirs and assigns forever according to the purport, true intent and meaning of the said Deed or Instrument of Writing and the Acts of Assembly in such Cases made and provided.

Note the word (otherwise) in this Indenture was  
intended before the Execution of it . . . . . } Henry Thomas  
John A. Carey.

Alexander Hemmley, He it remembered that on the (Eighth day) of  
to November in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred  
Ezekiel Forman. and twenty one the following Deed or Instrument  
of Writing was received to be recorded and was accordingly enrolled  
as follow to wit: This Indenture made and executed this (Eighth day) of  
November in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one, by and  
between Alexander Hemmley of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, Gentleman,  
of the one part, and Ezekiel Forman of Queen Anne's County and same State,  
Farmer, of the other part: Witnesseth. Whereas William Hemmley, father to  
Alexander Hemmley, by deed purchased from Edward Lloyd, and duly recorded in  
the land records of the late General Court for the Eastern Shore, and by a  
certain agreement with William Hindman, which agreement has been  
confirmed by the said Hindman and a deed given to Alexander Hemmley  
as by reference to the land records of Queen Anne's County will more fully  
appear, was seized in his demesne as of fee and by his Will duly established &  
recorded gave and transmitted to the above named Alexander his right, title  
claim and demands of, in and to the lands & premises called and commonly  
known by the name of Long Mill - And Whereas the said Alexander Hemmley  
for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars to him in hand  
paid, by the said Forman, the receipt whereof the said Hemmley doth hereby  
acknowledge, and thereof and of every part thereof doth acquit, release and  
discharge the said Forman, his heirs, Executors and Administrators forever by  
these presents, hath granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, conveyed &  
confirmed and doth hereby grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff, release, convey &  
confirm unto the said Forman his heirs and assigns, all and singular one  
undivided (moiety) or half part of the said (Mill Seat) including (Mill pond, Grist  
Mill, Saw Mill, Mill house, Blacksmiths Shop & dwelling house for a Blacksmith

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Implements, Utensils, Stones, Polishing Cloths, Tackles, furniture and Appur-  
 tenances to the same belonging, and therewith used, occupied & employed, toge-  
 -ther with one undivided moiety or half part of the land adjacent to the  
 Mill, and included within the following Metes & Bounds, course and distances  
 to wit Beginning at a Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 1. set in the decayed stump of an Oak  
 tree, on the North side of said Mill Pond, which said tree was the first boundary  
 of the Original Deed from Edward Lloyd to William Hensley for said Mill  
 seat bearing date the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1778. and running thence with the first line  
 of said deed N 70 degrees West twenty six perches then N Eighty five degrees  
 W. seven & seven Eighths perches to a Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 2. set in a small  
 branch by the side of the run thereof, and at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> line of a  
 late deed from William Hindman to said Alexander Hensley then  
 running up said branch with the lines of said deed reversed N. thirty one  
 degrees W. fifteen perches seven links then N. six degrees thirty minutes  
 East Eight perches, then N. thirty eight degrees W. eight perches, then N.  
 eleven degrees fifteen minutes W. eight perches, then N. forty one degrees  
 W. six perches, then N. 03. thirty minutes W. fifteen perches to a young White  
 Oak tree, the beginning of said late deed, then with the home line of said  
 late deed reversed S. sixty three degrees thirty minutes W. one hundred and  
 thirteen perches to the home or last line of "Wilton" a tract of land of which  
 the Mill seat is in part made up - then with said home or last line reversed  
 S. forty eight degrees East fifty seven perches to the end of twenty two perches  
 on the fourth line of the afo<sup>o</sup>. deed from Edward Lloyd to William Hensley  
 then with said fourth line, S. thirty six degrees West, thirty nine and a  
 half perches to a Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 3. set near the out fence of said Alexander  
 Hensley's field then South fifty one degrees forty five minutes East, fifty four  
 perches to another Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 4. then South Eighty five degrees fif-  
 -teen minutes East thirty nine perches, to another Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 5. then  
 North sixty eight degrees thirty minutes East twelve perches to another Stone  
 marked N<sup>o</sup>. 6. then North Eight degrees West fifty two perches to another  
 Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 7. then North eighty degrees fifteen minutes East ten perches  
 to another Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 8. then South thirteen degrees East fifteen  
 perches to another Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 9. then North seventy three degrees  
 East five perches and three tenths of a perch to another Stone to marked N<sup>o</sup>. 10.  
 then South ten degrees East fourteen perches to a Stone marked N<sup>o</sup>. 11. then  
 South eighty nine degrees thirty minutes East thirty four perches and three fourths  
 of a perch, then running and binding with the road leading from Whip Mill  
 to Hillsborough S. seventy five degrees East ten perches, then East fifteen perches,  
 then South eighty five degrees fifteen minutes East twelve perches then North

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the said property above described, by these presents bargained and sold, released, granted, and confirmed to the only proper use and benefit of the said Ridgaway Dean his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, fully, quietly, peaceably, and entirely without any contradiction, claim or hindrance of any person whatsoever. And I the said Hebdial Dean, for my executors and administrators, all and singular the aforesaid property as above described unto the said Ridgaway Dean his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns against him the said Hebdial Dean, his executors and administrators, all and every other person or persons whatsoever, claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof shall and well warrant and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof I the said Hebdial Dean have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this eighth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and forty five

Hebdial Dean L.S.

signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Thos. La Niels  
Talbot County to wit: On the eighth day of April in the year of Eighteen hundred & forty five personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the State of Maryland, Justices of the Peace in and for Talbot County, Hebdial Dean of Talbot County, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be his act and deed; and the property therein described and therein mentioned, and thereby granted, bargained, and sold, all the right and property of Ridgaway Dean herein named, according to the true intent and purpose of the same, and according to the act of assembly in such in such case made and provided -- Taken and acknowledged before me  
Thos. La Niels

Exam. John R. Hopkins his wife 25 Jan 1846

Thomas Hopkins and Martha his wife To Be it remembered that on this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty five the following Deed or Instrument of writing was recited to be recorded and is accordingly entered as follows to wit: This indenture made this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty five, between Thomas Hopkins and Martha M. Hopkins his wife of Talbot County in the State of Maryland of the one part, and John R. Hopkins and Sally Ann Hopkins, both of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Thomas Hopkins and Martha M. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of nine thousand dollars current money of Maryland to them in hand paid by the said John R. Hopkins and Sally Ann Hopkins, before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof they the said Thomas Hopkins and Martha M. his wife do hereby acknowledge, and from every part and parcel thereof do hereby acquit, exonerate and discharge, the said John R. Hopkins and Sally Ann Hopkins their heirs, executors and administrators, they the said Thomas Hopkins and Martha M. his wife, have granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said John R. Hopkins and Sally Ann Hopkins their and each of their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common & not as joint tenants, all and singular the

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mill and saw mills, lying and being in the County aforesaid, commonly called "Huge Mills" to-  
 gether with the mill pond, mill stones, bolting cloths, bolting and sifting gear, mill frak-  
 es, measures and all other the implements, utensils, tackle and furniture to the said mills,  
 respectively belonging; and also all and singular three tracts or parts of tracts of land  
 adjoining the said mills and attached thereto, called and known by the names of "Mills"  
 "Tobacco" and the addition "lying and being in the County aforesaid and in Queen  
 Anne County in the State aforesaid contiguous to each other to the name or names and  
 Quantity thereof which they may, which said mills, lands and premises are particu-  
 larly described in a deed bearing date the twenty fifth day of July, in the year eighteen  
 hundred and forty one, legally executed by Thomas Hopkins the younger and Hester  
 Ann his wife & John R. Hopkins & Emily B. his wife, to Thomas Hopkins & duly  
 entered in Liber P. P. N. S. 56 folios 90, 91 & 92 one of the Land Record Books of the  
 County of Talbot aforesaid, also in a deed bearing date the fourth day of January in  
 the year Eighteen hundred & forty five, legally executed by Sally Ann Hopkins to  
 the said Thomas Hopkins and duly entered in Liber P. P. N. S. 58 folios 495, 496 &  
 497 one of the Land Record Books of the County aforesaid, and also in a deed bearing  
 date the fourth day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and forty five, legally ex-  
 ecuted by Henrietta M. Foraman, William H. Foraman & Ezekiel T. M. Foraman of  
 Queen Anne County in the State aforesaid to the said Thomas Hopkins, and about to  
 be entered among the Land records of Talbot County as by reference to the said deeds  
 will more fully and at large appear together with all and singular the buildings,  
 improvements, woods, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, heredita-  
 ments and appurtenances whatsoever, thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining,  
 and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate  
 right, title and interest whatsoever of them the said Thomas Hopkins and Mar-  
 tha M. his wife both at law and in equity of in to and out of the said mills lands  
 and premises hereby bargained and sold or meant mentioned or intended hereby so to  
 be and every or any part and parcel thereof. To Have and To Hold the said mills  
 lands and premises as aforesaid described, called as aforesaid or by whatsoever <sup>their</sup> names  
 or names the same may be called together with the buildings and appurtenances  
 and all and singular other the premises hereby bargained and sold or meant men-  
 tioned or intended hereby so to be with their and every of their appurtenances unto  
 the said John R. Hopkins and Sally Ann Hopkins as tenants in Common as of  
 said their heirs and assigns forever, and to and for no other use, intent or purpose  
 whatever; and the said Thomas Hopkins and Martha M. his wife for themselves,  
 their heirs, executors and administrators, and each and every of them do hereby covenant  
 grant promise and agree, to and with the said John R. Hopkins and Sally Ann  
 Hopkins their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators or assigns, that  
 they the said Thomas Hopkins and Martha M. his wife and their heirs the said mills  
 lands and premises hereby granted bargained and sold, and every part and parcel thereof  
 with the appurtenances thereto belonging to them the said John R. Hopkins and Sally  
 Ann Hopkins their heirs and assigns against them the said Thomas Hopkins, and

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State of Maryland, Talbot County, To-wit: Received the 27th day of June A.D. 1956, at 11:55 o'clock A.M. to be recorded, and same day recorded in Liber JTB No. 332 folio , one of the Land Record Books of Talbot County.

Per John T. Baynard

Clerk.

THIS DEED, Made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, by and between the STATE OF MARYLAND, by Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor, J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller, and Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, and Ernest A. Vaughn, Director of the Game and Inland Fish Commission of the State of Maryland, party of the first part, Grantor, and the SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MARYLAND ANTIQUITIES, a Maryland corporation, party of the second part, Grantee,

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has, by proper Resolution, approved the transfer of said land, and has authorized the execution of these presents,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the promise on the part of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities to preserve and maintain on the parcel of land hereinafter conveyed as an historical monument the old Wye Mill, the said party of the first part does hereby grant and convey unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, in fee simple, so long as said party of the second part shall use or suffer to use said premises for an historical monument, all that lot of ground situate, lying and being in the Third and Fifth Election Districts of Queen Anne's County, and partly in the Chapel Election District of Talbot County at Wye Mills, Maryland, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a nail in the center of Maryland Route Number 404 at the end of the 15th line of that tract of land conveyed to the State of Maryland for use of the Game and Inland Fish Commission by Winthrop H. Blakeslee and wife by deed dated September 21, 1953, and recorded in Liber No. 308, folio No. 59, among the Land Records of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, and running thence with the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th lines of said conveyance South 05 degrees 48 minutes East 5.52 feet to a point in the aforesaid highway, South 83 degrees 40 minutes West 20.20 feet to a point on the west side of the highway, North 05 degrees 35 minutes West 20.62 feet to a point on the west side of the highway, North 66 degrees 50 minutes West, 244.20 feet to a concrete monument, thence with a line of division now made North 50 degrees 10 minutes East 274.5 feet to a point in the center of the aforesaid highway, passing through a pipe placed on the west edge of the highway at the end of 255.9 feet, thence with the center of the highway South 7 degrees 00 minutes East 287.2 feet to the beginning, containing 0.76 acres of land, more or less. Bearings are referred to a magnetic meridian and corrected for a declination of 7 degrees 50 minutes west.



TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon; and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot of ground and premises unto and to the use of the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, in fee simple, but it is expressly understood and agreed that in the event the party of the second part shall fail to preserve and maintain the premises as an historical monument for the Wye Mill, or should the party of the second part ever use or suffer the use of said premises for any other purpose than as an historical monument for the Wye Mill, this conveyance shall thereupon become void and the title to said premises shall, without demand, revert to the State of Maryland to the use of the Game and Inland Fish Commission, or its successor or assigns, and the State of Maryland shall have the right to re-enter and re-possess itself of the same at any time thereafter.

WITNESS the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, and the signatures of Theodore R. McKeldin, J. Millard Tawes, Hooper S. Miles, constituting the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, and Ernest A. Vaughn, Director of the Game and Inland Fish Commission of the State of Maryland.

STATE OF MARYLAND

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Governor

J. Millard Tawes (SEAL)  
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Comptroller

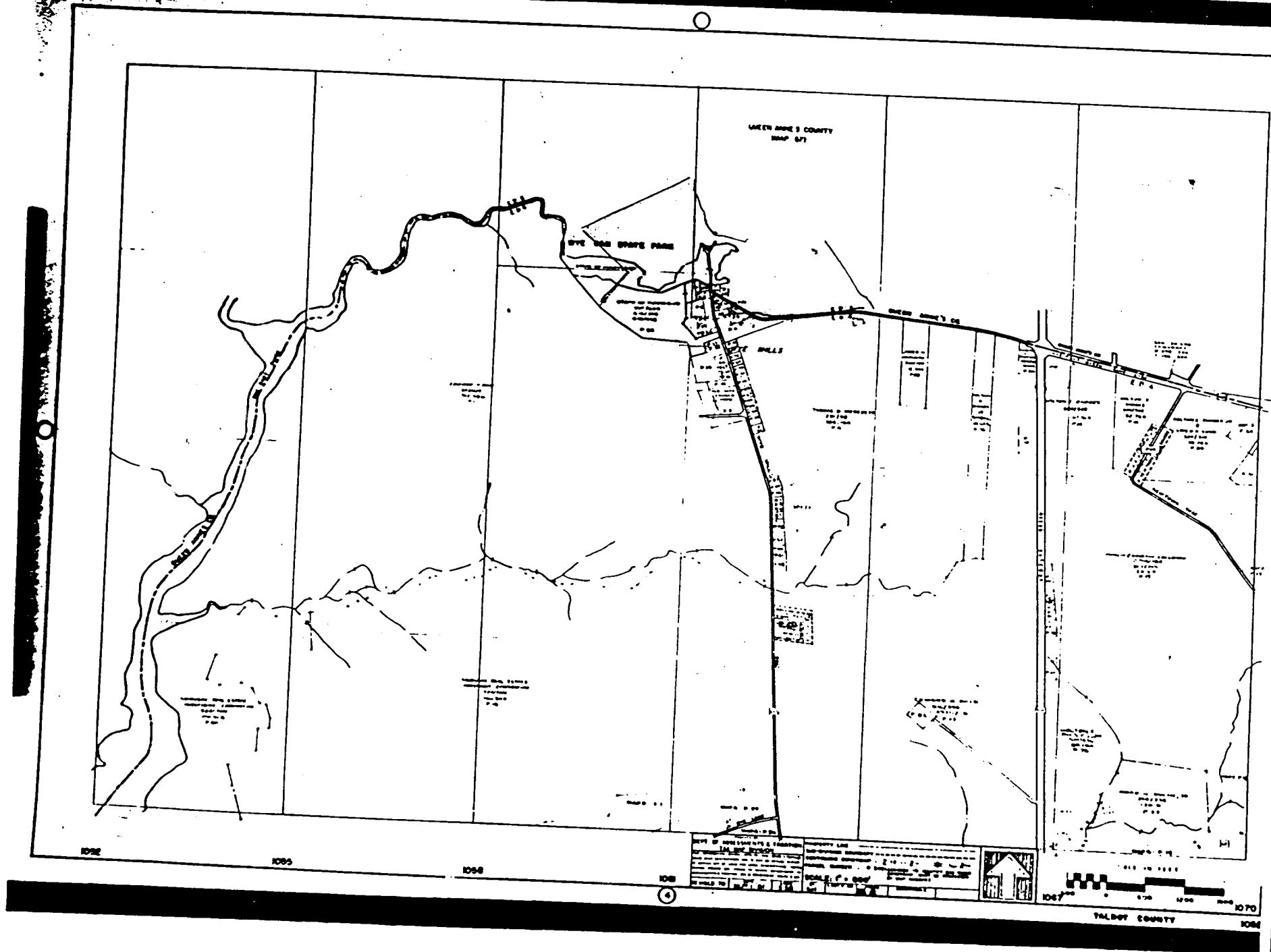
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Secretary

Hooper S. Miles (SEAL)  
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Constituting the Board of Public  
Works of the State of Maryland

Ernest A. Vaughn (SEAL)  
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Director  
Game and Inland Fish Commission

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MARY F. CALLAHAN  
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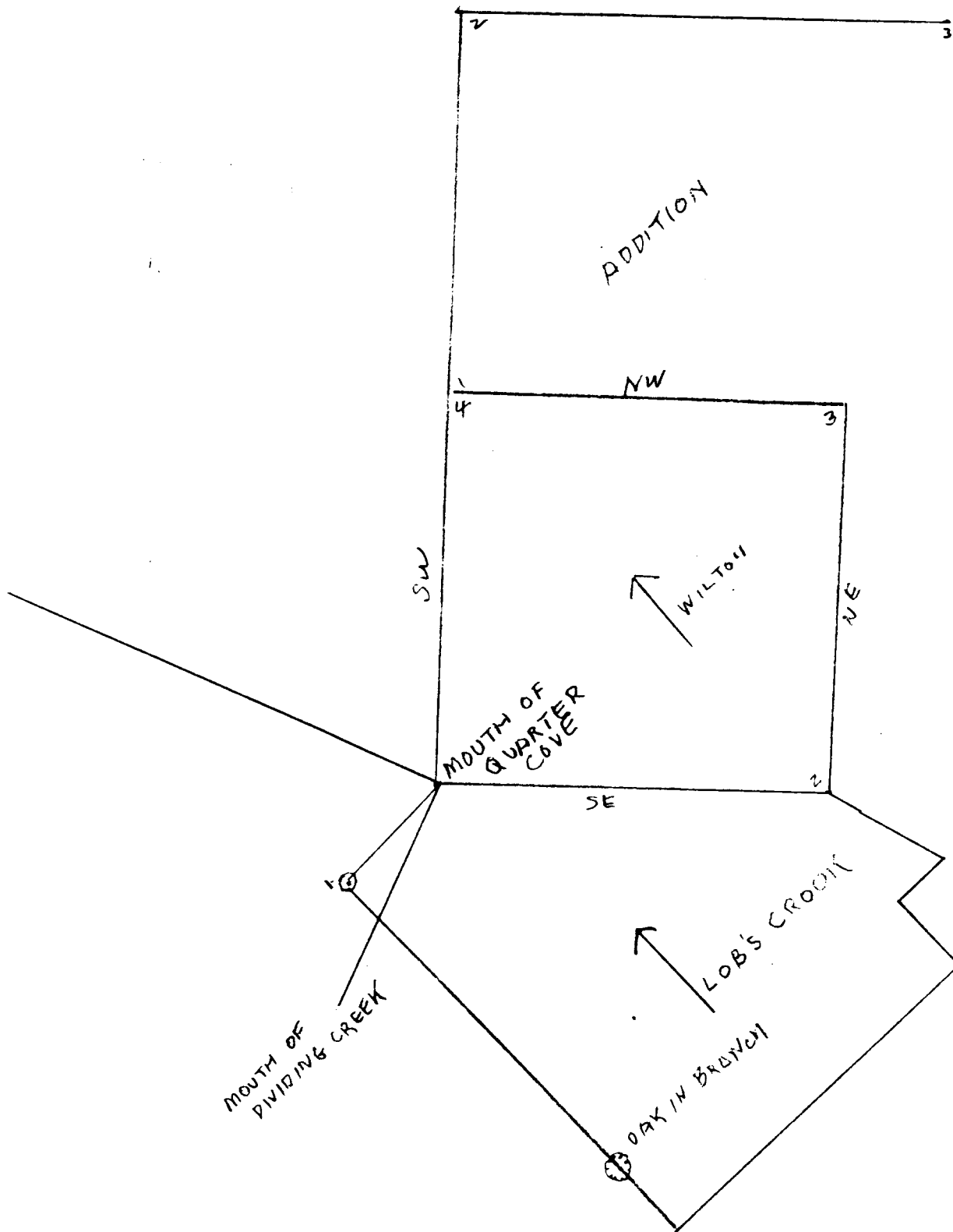
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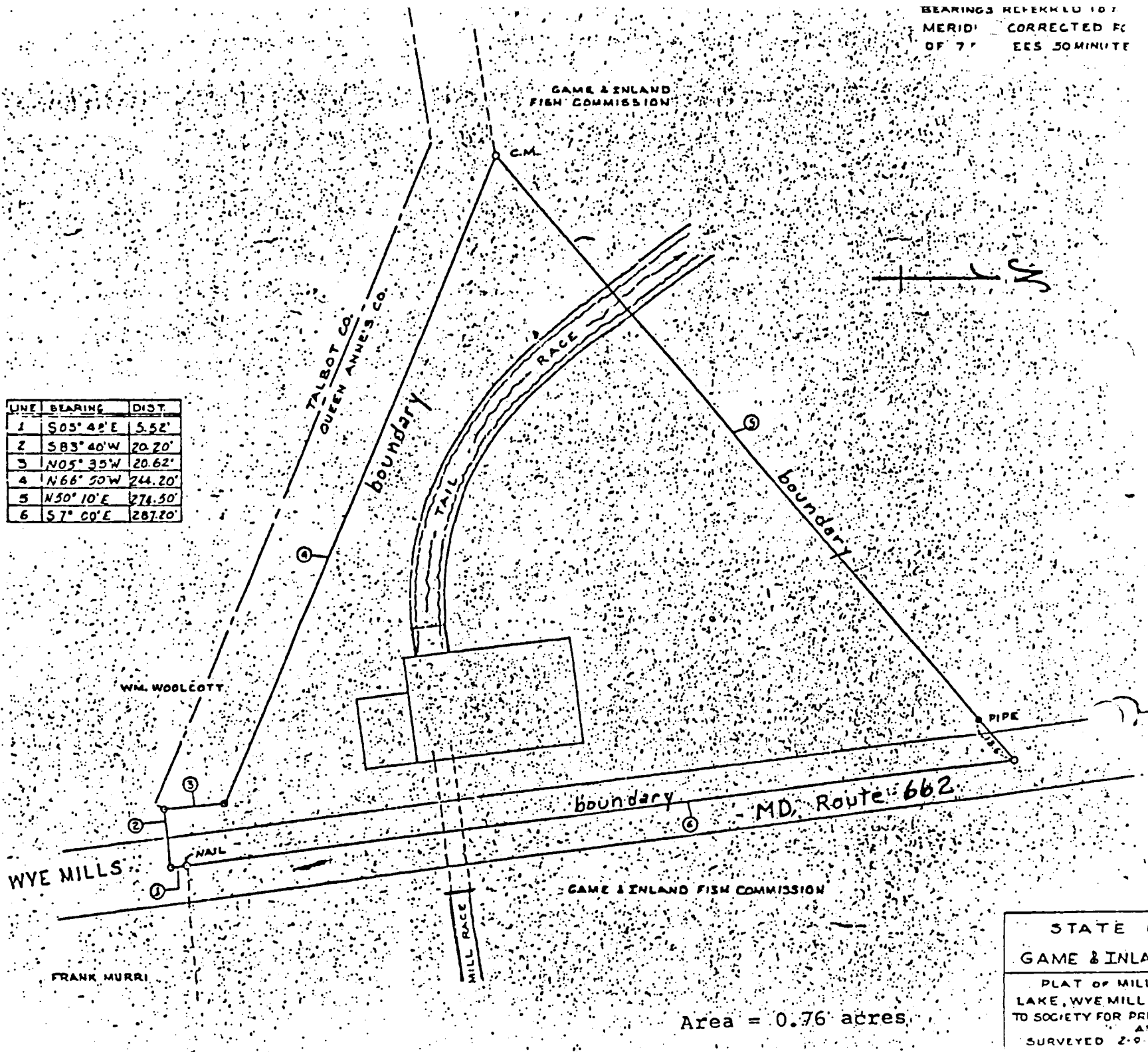
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BEARINGS REFERRED TO  
MERIDIAN CORRECTED FOR  
OF 7" EES 50 MINUTE

LINE	BEARING	DIST.
1	S05°42'E	5.52'
2	S83°40'W	20.20'
3	N05°35'W	20.62'
4	N66°50'W	24.20'
5	N50°10'E	274.50'
6	S7°00'E	287.20'



WYE MILL  
Queen Anne's County, Maryland  
boundary map 1984

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Area = 0.76 acres

STATE OF  
GAME & INLAND  
PLAT OF MILL  
LAKE, WYE MILLS  
TO SOCIETY FOR PRE  
SURVEYED 2-9-84

Wye Mill  
Queen Anne's Co.  
Maryland

This is a detailed topographic map of the Wythe Mills area in New York. The map features the Delaware River flowing through the center. Key locations include Carmichael Sch. in the upper left, Wythe Mills in the lower right, and Old Wythe Church. The map shows various landmarks such as the Chesapeake College, the Wythe Park Station, and the Old Wythe Church. Topographic contours are drawn at 20-foot intervals, with labels for 20, 40, 60, and 80 feet. The map also includes a grid system with coordinates (e.g., 4312, 4313, 4314) and a scale bar. The map is oriented with North at the top.

# CHAPEL DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

**DAWSON & STAFFER**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Harness, Notions, and all kinds of Goods usually kept in a Country Store. Store at Skipton.

**CANON & CO.**, Blacksmithing and Wheelwrighting done in all its Branches. Wagons, Carts, Buggies, Dearborns, and all kinds of wheeled vehicles made and repaired with neatness. Also Manufacturers of all kinds of Farming Implements. Repairing of all kinds done. Horseshoeing a Specialty. Cannon Blacksmith and Hardesty Wheelwright.

**CAPT. J. A. CATRUP**, Boatman. A General Freighting Business done.

**J. A. FRANK NEAL**, General Agent for Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine. Real Estate Agent, and Agent for Schuykill Lime Fertilizers, Phosphates, Lumber, Coal, Clover, Seed, &c. Also Dealer in all kinds of Grain, &c., Residence and Office at Skipton Landing.

**DR. N. COMEGYS**, Physician and Surgeon. Calls promptly attended to. Office and Residence, Wye Mills.

**J. R. HOPKINS**, Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of Family Flour. Also Custom Wm and Sawing done at all times.

**T. BASCOM SAULSBURY**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Notions, &c., &c., and all kinds of Goods usually kept in a Country. Store at Wye Mills.

**THOMAS QUINBY**, Carpenter and Builder. All parties having anything to be done in my line will do well to give me a call.

**C. W. ARRIN**, Series, Hats, erty, Toilet Store at Cordova.

**THOMAS P. HOPKINS**, Dealer in Poultry, Calves, Eggs, Feathers, and all kinds of Country Produce. Highest Cash price paid for the above Articles. Residence and P. O. Cordova.

**C. H. ROSE**, Physician and Surgeon. All Calls Promptly attended to. Residence and Office, Roseville. Also Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill. Custom work done. Mill near Residence, Roseville.

**DENNIS L. F. COUNCELL**, Railroad and Express Agent, and Agent for Schuykill Lime, &c. Cordova.

**JAMES P. REESE**, Express Agent, Railroad Agent, Post-Master and Agent for Ramb's Schuykill Lime. Woodland Station.

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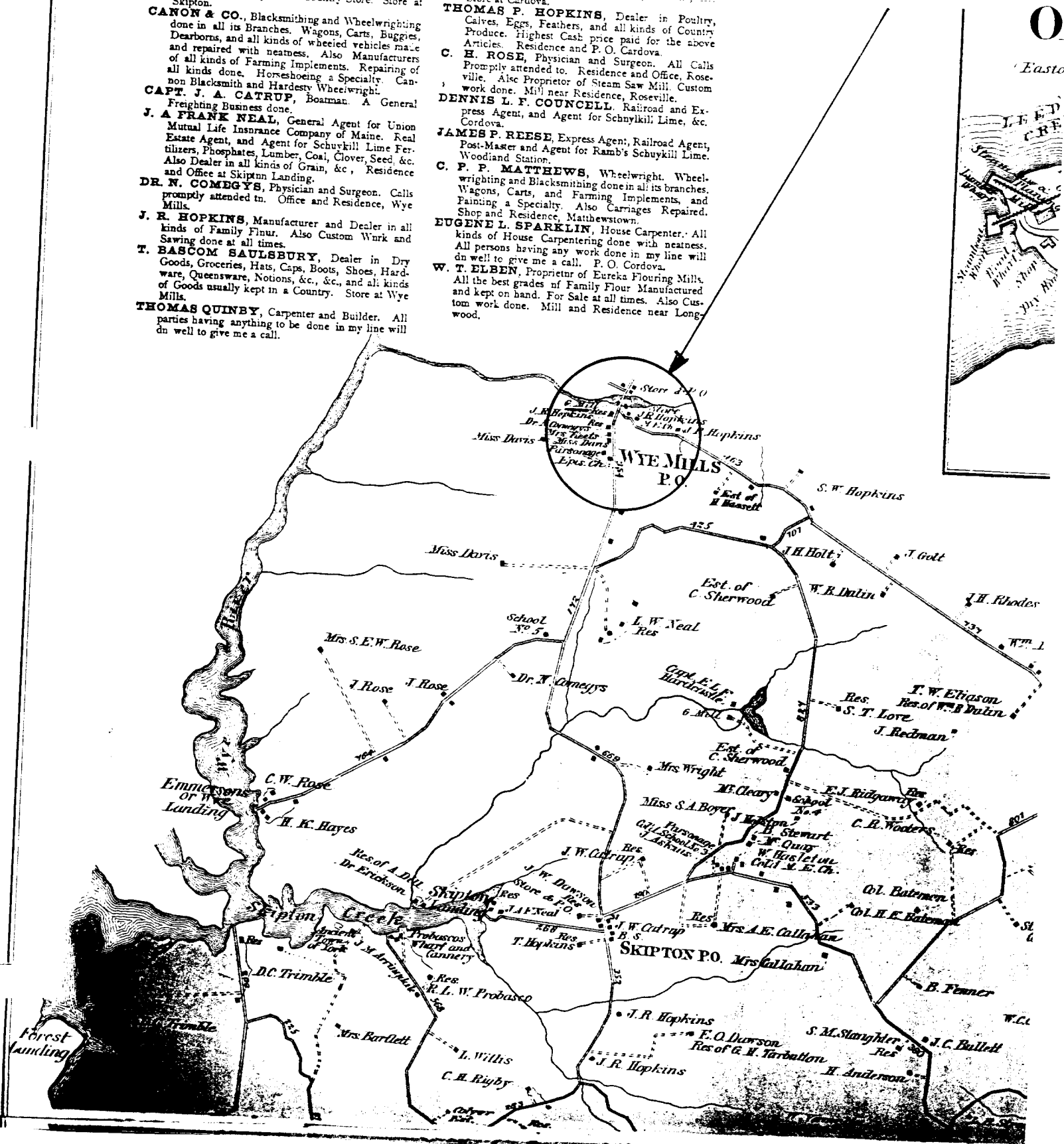
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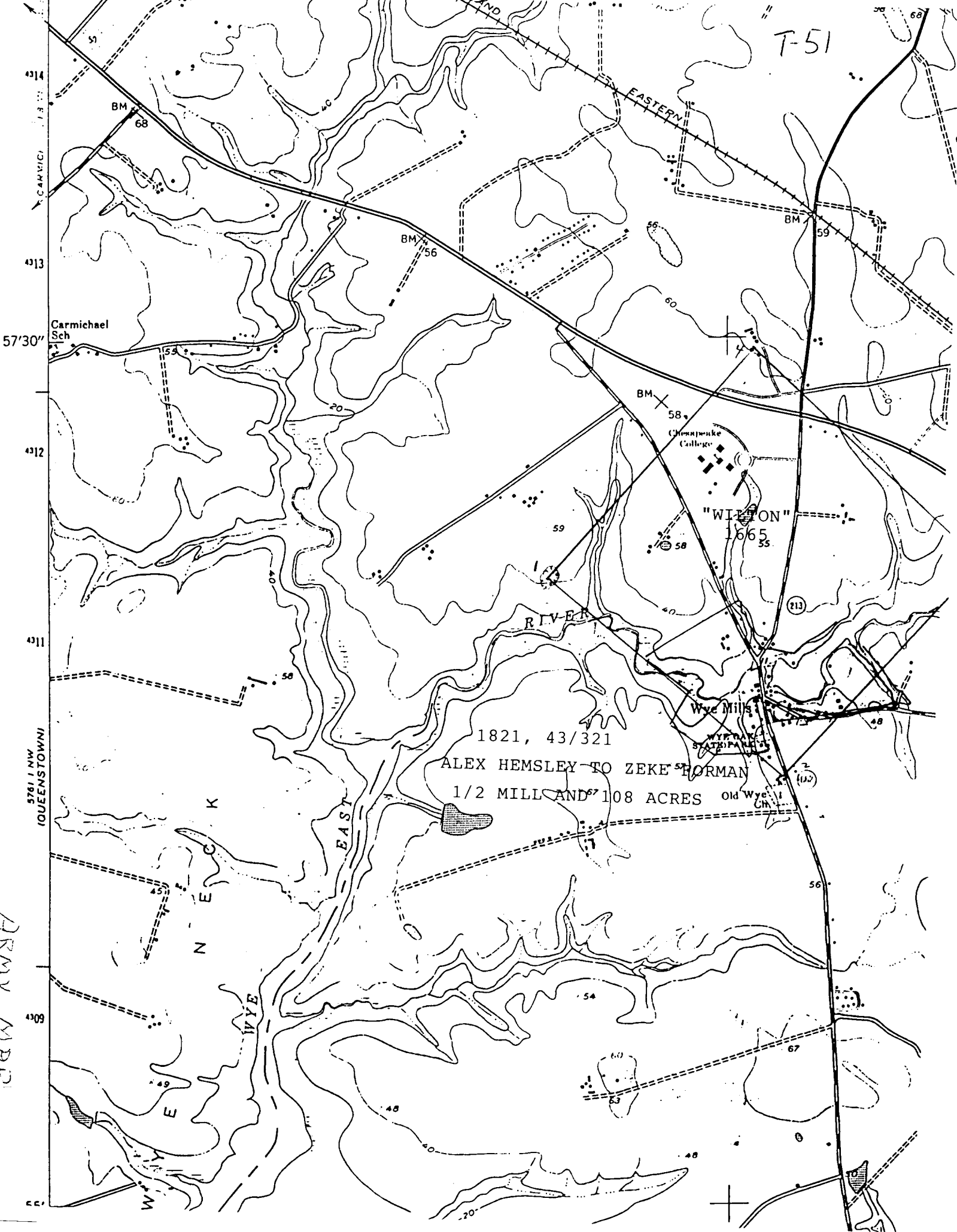
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WYE MILL

Wye Mills, Talbot County, Maryland  
1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
Atlas-Chapel District



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ARMY MAP

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(QUEENSTOWN)

4314  
4313  
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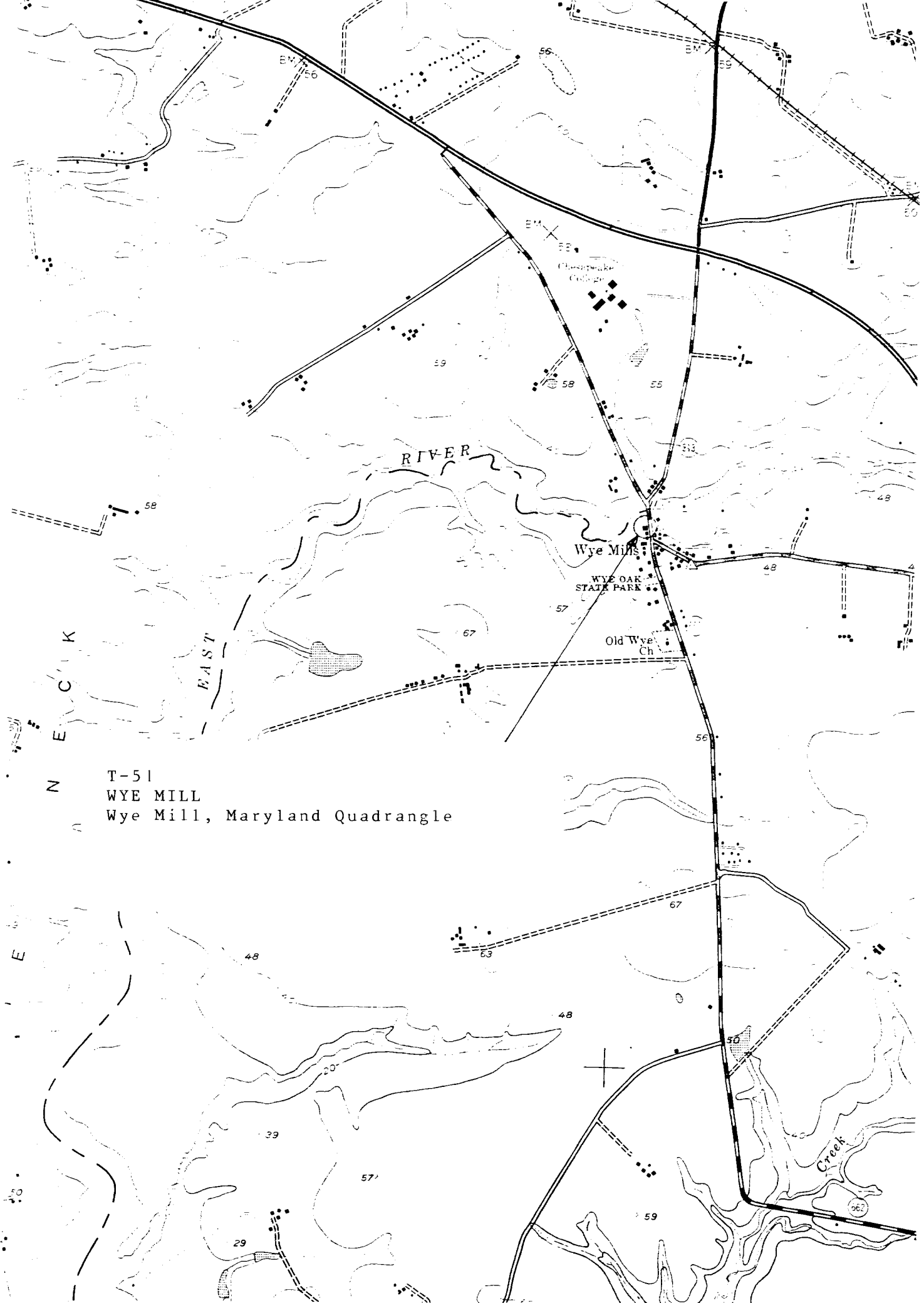
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Wye Mill, Maryland Quadrangle



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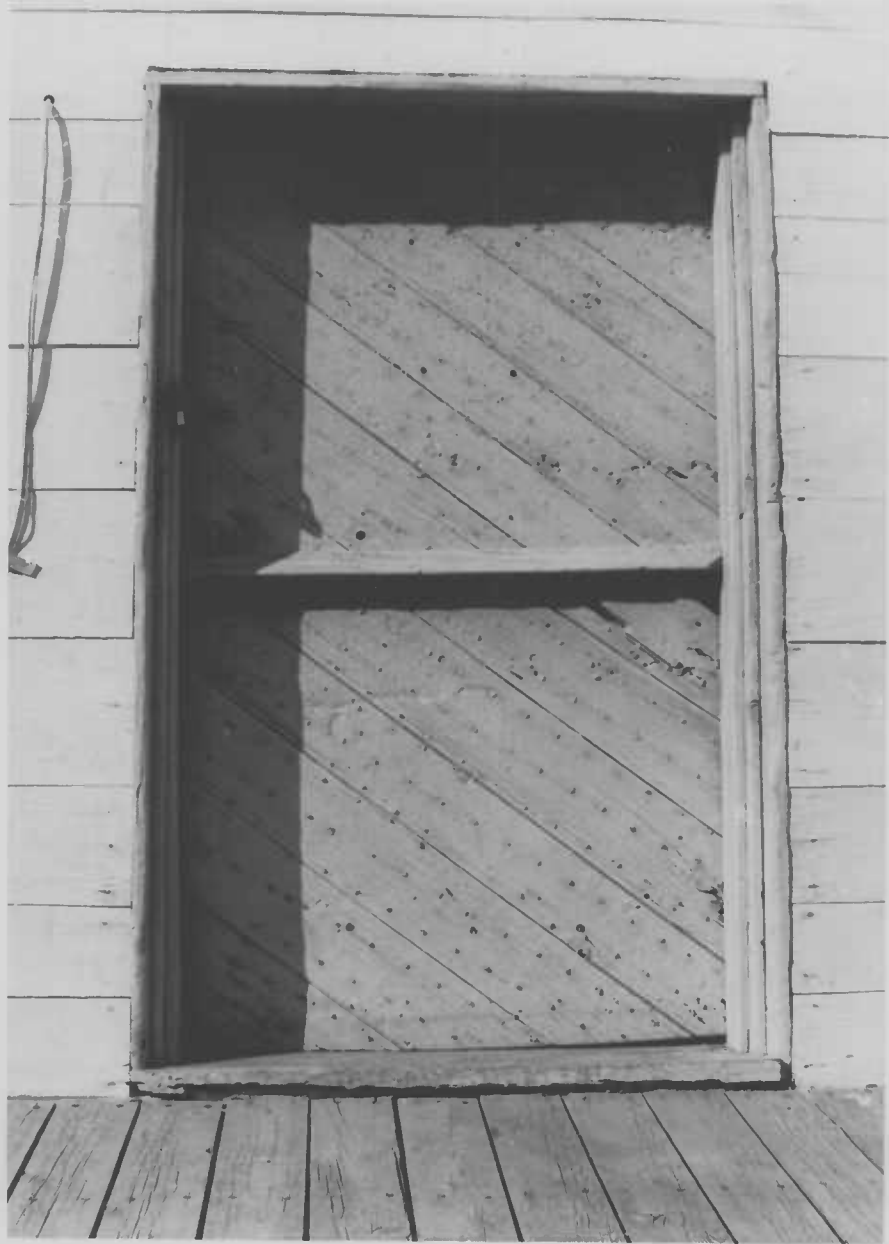
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1. Wye Mill
2. Wye Mills, T and QA
3. Nancy Miller, August 3, 1984
4. Preservation Maryland, Marriottsville, Md.
5. south elevation
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1. Wye Mill
2. Wye Mills, Talbot and Queen Anne's
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5. south and east elevations
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2. Wye Mills, Talbot and Queen Anne's
3. Nancy Miller, August 3, 1984
4. Preservation Maryland, Marriottsville, Md.
5. north elevation
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1. Wye Mill ~~T-51~~
2. Wye Mills, Talbot and Queen Anne's
3. Nancy Miller, August 3, 1984
4. Preservation Maryland, Marriottsville, Md.
5. hinge on rear of door
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1. Wye Mill
2. Wye Mills, Talbot and Queen Anne's
3. Nancy Miller, August 3, 1984
4. Preservation Maryland, Marriottsville, Md.
5. Interior looking south to mill stones
6. 5 of 6



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1. Wye Mill
2. Wye Mills, Talbot and Queen Anne's
3. Nancy Miller, August 3, 1984
4. Preservation Maryland, Marriottsville, Md.
5. Midget Roller Mill, north end
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Wye mill

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Wye Mill

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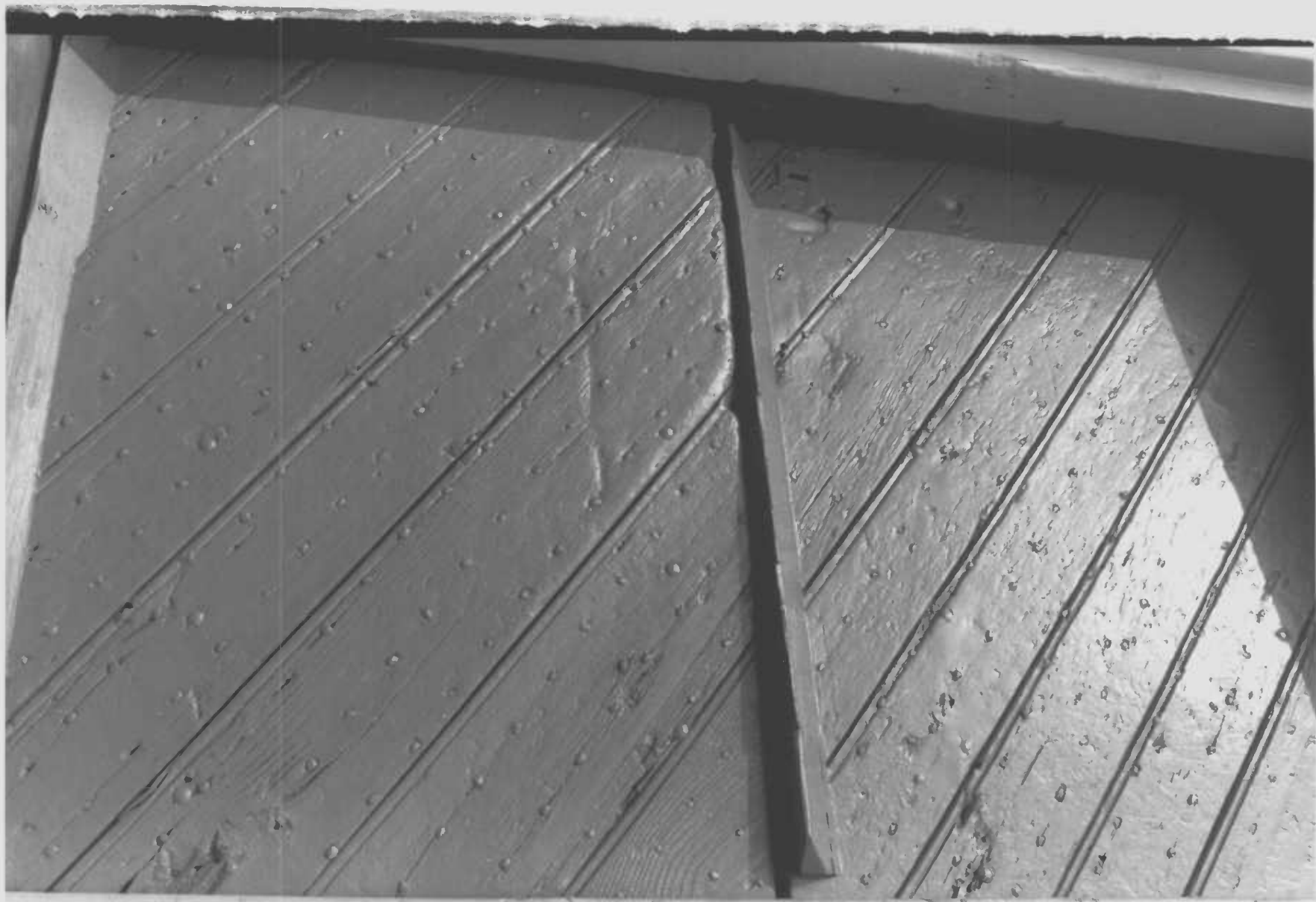
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